

Rule 1.53(b) Divisional of
USSN 09/820,307

REMARKS

This application is a Rule 1.53(b) divisional application of U.S. Serial No. 09/820,307, filed March 29, 2001, now allowed.

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to eliminate multiply dependent claims from the above-identified application.

Claims 15, 16 and 21-28 are pending herein. Claims 1 to 14 and 17 to 20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

The specification has been amended in the same manner as in the parent application and to identify the parent application.

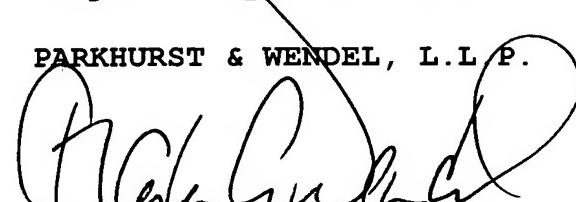
Filed herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement listing all references cited during prosecution of the parent application.

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Prompt and favorable examination of this application on the
merits is respectfully solicited.

~~Respectfully submitted,~~

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